

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

No. I.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- VS -

24 May 1946

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Defendants

MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE

COME NOW the defendants and move the Tribunal to postpone the trial of this case from the date now assigned of 3 June 1946 for such a reasonable period of time as will enable counsel for the defendants to adequately prepare for trial.

Defendants further state that this case involves acts alleged to have been committed from the year 1928 into the year 1945 in various nations; that it involves 28 defendants, and documents, treaties and agreements covering world history during some forty odd years; that this case is novel and of the greatest import to the world in general; that the Chief of Counsel for the International Prosecution Section has had engaged for six months last past, hundreds of assistants, investigators and expert personnel gathering information and preparing the case for the prosecution.

Defendants further state that the defendants are represented by Japanese counsel, most of whom do not understand the English language; that on 5 May 1946 two American lawyers were assigned to assist in the defense of these cases and six American lawyers were assigned on 6 May 1946,

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Lord Patrick
Mr. Justice Mei
Major General of Justice Zaryanov
Mr. Justice Higgins
Mr. Justice McDougall
Mr. Justice Bernard
Mr. Justice Roling
Mr. Justice Pal

that on 17 May 1946 fourteen American lawyers arrived in Tokyo and two others have arrived since said date.

Defendants further state that said lawyers who have arrived in Tokyo in the last week have diligently applied themselves to the task of becoming familiar with this case and are in the process of being engaged to assist in the defense of individual defendants; that the task of these lawyers becoming reasonably conversant with this case in order to be of assistance to the Japanese counsel, and to the defendants, is monumental.

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Mr. Justice Higgins
Mr. Justice McDougall
Mr. Justice Bernard
Mr. Justice Roling
Mr. Justice Pal